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ECONOMIC DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

Intelligence Request No. 25
Control No. 460233
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SUBJECT

West German Supersonic Testing Equipment

REQUESTING AGENCY AND DATE

Commerce/BFC, 23 October 1956

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF INFORMATION

Open

PROPOSED USE

To evaluate the strategic importance of, and Soviet interest in, supersonic testing equipment of the type manufactured in West Germany.

REFERENCES

Air Intelligence Information Report IR-195-56 (BONN D2437 of June 4) reports Soviet and Satellite interest in supersonic sheet-steel testing devices manufactured in West Germany. On the basis of this report, the Department of Commerce identified the device as falling under IL-1502 and recommended that steps be taken to prevent export to the Bloc. (See WG I D-1502.1 dated 17 September 1956)

BACKGROUND

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IR-195-56 contains information [REDACTED] of a supersonic sheet-steel testing device which is being produced in Western Germany. The report also establishes that the USSR and various Satellites have expressed great interest in this device, and that negotiations are under way for the possible sale of 20 pieces of this equipment to the Soviet Bloc.

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ACTION DESIRED

EDIC is requested to determine whether additional and more current intelligence relating to the strategic importance of, and Soviet interest in, this device can be developed.

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